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SUBJ: ISRAELI FINANCE MINISTER TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA

REF.: TEL AVIV 10733, TEL AVIV 7005 (NOTAL)

FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE CONFIRMED DEC 20 THAT
FINANCE MINISTER EHRLICH WILL VISIT SOUTH AFRICA IN
FEB, PROVIDED PRIOR AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON
SALE OF ISRAELI BONDS THERE, SOUTH AFRICAN INVESTMENT
IN ISRAEL AND CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS. SOURCE, WHO WAS
VISIBLY EMBARRASSED ABOUT ISRAELI TIES TO SOUTH AFRICA,
EXPLAINED THAT BASIC ISRAELI CONCERN IS FOR 150,000
SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS. HE SAID THAT GOI EXPECTS MANY
OF THOSE PEOPLE TO BE LEAVING SOUTH AFRICA IN THE NEXT
FEW YEARS AND WANTS THEM TO COME TO ISRAEL. THEY ARE
CRUCIAL, HE SAID, TO ISRAELI PLANS TO ATTRACT MORE
ASHKENAZI IMMIGRANTS. FOR THIS REASON, GOI WISHES TO
KEEP AS MANY ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND CULTURAL TIES
OPEN TO SOUTH AFRICA AS IT CAN. VIETS

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